

SGI PRESIDENT IKEDA'S SEPT. 6 ENCOURAGEMENT LIVING EACH MOMENT IN EARNEST

The evening of Sept. 6, SGI President Ikeda attended a representative leaders conference in Shinanomachi, Tokyo, emphasizing the importance of the present moment. He began by quoting a passage from the Shinjikan Sutra “If you want to understand the causes that existed in the past, look at the results as they are manifested in the present. And if you want to understand what results will be manifested in the future, look at the causes that exist in the present” (*The Major Writings of Nichiren Daishonin*, vol. 2 [2nd ed.], p. 172). Given this truth, he observed, the causes and effects of the three existences of life—past, present and future—are always condensed in the present moment.

Therefore, the essence of the Buddhist way of life is living each moment in earnest and accumulating eternal benefit, he said.

President Ikeda asked the leaders to be confident that the good fortune and benefit they are accumulating through propagating Nichiren Daishonin's Buddhism around the globe will definitely be manifested as brilliant results in the future. He also voiced his wish to establish, in a suitably significant location, a bronze memorial plaque that will pay lasting tribute to the dedicated individuals who have made outstanding contributions to world-wide kosen-rufu.

Living as we do in the evil age of the Latter Day of the Law, President Ikeda stressed, it is vital that we always advance with strength, fortitude and great courage. When we do, he continued, beautiful “flowers of the Law,” fragrant with happiness, bloom luxuriantly in our lives.

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